

REMARKS

The Applicants have studied the Office Action dated October 12, 2005 and have made amendments to the claims, as suggested by the Examiner, to more distinctly claim and particularly point out the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. No new matter has been added by these amendments. The Applicants respectfully requests entry of this amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a) in that the amendment and remarks below place the application and claims in condition for allowance, or, at least, present the application in better form for appeal. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Claims 1-26 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Channavajjala for indicating that no prior art rejections were applied to the pending claims and that the independent claims should become patentable upon clarification of the cited issues. The Applicants have amended claims 19 and 26 as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objection to that claim.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 26 because of a specified informality concerning an typographical error. The Applicants have amended independent claim 26, as suggested by the Examiner, to correct this typographical error. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Applicants have amended claim 19 to replace the "means" term with "a file system." Support for this amendment is found in the specification at, for example, page 12, lines 10-24 and page 20, lines 19-24. No new matter has been added by these amendments. The Applicants assert that this overcomes the rejection of claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, and that this rejection should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In this Response, Applicants have amended certain claims. In light of the Office Action, Applicants believe these amendments serve a useful clarification purpose, and are desirable for clarification purposes, independent of patentability. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendments do not limit the range of any permissible equivalents.

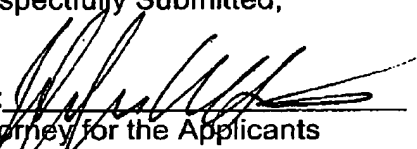
Applicants acknowledge the continuing duty of candor and good faith to disclosure of information known to be material to the examination of this application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, all such information is dutifully made of record. The foreseeable equivalents of any territory surrendered by amendment is limited to the territory taught by the information of record. No other territory afforded by the doctrine of equivalents is knowingly surrendered and everything else is unforeseeable at the time of this amendment by the Applicants and their attorneys.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the grounds for rejection stated in the Examiner's Office Action have been overcome, and that all claims in the application are allowable. No new matter has been added. It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

PLEASE CALL the undersigned if that would expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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